

**Synthetoceras Animal
Animal Horn Fossils at the
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The Synthetoceras is a kind of like an Unicorn. This amazing creature lived 13 Million years ago and survived for 8 million years! Think about That! It looks kind of like a deer with a length of 2 m (6 ft 8 in), Synthetoceras was the largest member of its family.

They lived in North America. It was also the last, and had what is considered to be the protoceratids' strangest set of horns. The two horns above its eyes looked fairly normal and similar to those of many modern horned mammals, but on its snout it had a bizarre, long horn with a forked tip that gave it a Y shape.

Only males had this strange horn, and they probably used it in territorial fights. We have fossils of this animal in the museum. I never thought there was so much to learn!

Be sure and ask the Museum to show and tell you about this amazing animal.